Department of Education Highlights NOVA Initiatives

The Department of Education invited NOVA to support the production of a “best practices” video to be used in an upcoming college presidents’ training series. Acting President Mel Schiavelli recently shared NOVA’s default prevention best practices with the Department of Education. Schiavelli outlined the approach NOVA has taken to assist students through the borrowing and repayment processes.

Making the decision to invest in default prevention and financial literacy was an easy choice at NOVA. Not only is it in line with NOVA’s values of access, opportunity, student success and excellence, it is also in the best interest of both the College and NOVA’s student population. Ideally, all students would leave NOVA with degrees and certificates, prepared to pursue their career goals with as little debt as possible. The consequences of default are damaging to students for years and can hamper or eliminate the College’s ability to serve other students if cohort rates are too high.

To combat the rising levels of student indebtedness and loan defaults that are so frequently highlighted in the press, NOVA formed a Default Prevention Committee. The committee has taken steps to create a culture that promotes financial literacy and prudent borrowing. The committee incorporated financial literacy into SDV 100 College Success Skills courses, added additional financial literacy resources on the College website, revised some of the student loan policies, started communication campaigns, provided default prevention training for staff and have contracted with Inceptia to expand default prevention outreach.

These initiatives were spearheaded by NOVA Financial Aid and the Default Prevention Committee and supported by the senior administration at NOVA, including Schiavelli. NOVA has a strong financial aid leadership team and financial aid managers on each campus who relay the message and emphasize the importance of financial literacy and default prevention with their colleagues on the campuses. Sharing the message and emphasizing its importance to students and NOVA as a whole is critical and has been effective.

Inceptia, a division of National Student Loan Program (NSLP), will provide students with free assistance regarding federal student loan obligations to ensure successful and comfortable loan
repayment. Inceptia’s friendly customer representatives are contracted to reach out to students if loans become delinquent. When former students are contacted, callers strive to be friendly advocates who help borrowers avoid the negative consequences of default. Students are encouraged to contact their loan servicers to learn more about available options.

With so many options available to avoid default such as deferment, forbearance, and the multiple repayment plans that can temporarily postpone or reduce the amount students must pay, students can avoid defaulting on their loans. Borrower education is the key.

For more information about these exciting initiatives at NOVA, please contact the Financial Aid Support Center at 855.323.3199. Additional information is available at www.nvcc.edu.

LTR Ignites at Cross-Campus Day

The Learning and Technology Resources (LTR) Division held a Cross-Campus Professional Development Day at the Alexandria Campus on June 4. The event included engaging Ignite presentations, multiple collaboration opportunities, and a chance for all of the LTR members to network and foster lasting relationships. Cross-Campus Day started with a welcome from Acting President Mel Schiavelli, who noted that we need to continue collaborating towards becoming “one NOVA, one family.”

The keynote address was from Kyle Bowen, education technology services director at Penn State University. He shared insights regarding the use of Apple Watches in education as well as creating a One Button Studio, to support faculty and students in the creation of high quality and polished video projects.

Ignite presentations were also part of the day’s event for LTR staff to share a passion with their colleagues. All of the presenters had only five minutes to “ignite” the audience with a speech that utilized PowerPoint slides, changing automatically every 15 seconds. Special thanks to the Ignite presenters for their provoking presentations: “Let It Grow” by Emily Stinson (WO), “Community NOW” by Myndi Pruett (MA), “Design Fusion” by Jill MacDiarmid (MA), “23mobilethings” by Diane Kearney (MEC), “Making Teaching and Learning Fun With Free Online Tools” by Shaoyu Chi (CS) and Rong Zhu (CS), “Gamification, It’s Not What You Think” by Matt Fox (AL), “Active Learning Spaces, Let’s Get Engaged” by Kirstin Riddick (AL) and “The Accidental Dean” by Dr. Frances Villagran-Glover (AL).

Ignite NOVA is an Achieving the Dream initiative and is a licensed trademark designed to foster collaboration and creativity among the various members of the NOVA community and to create a platform for sharing ideas on the best ways to revolutionize teaching in the 21st century classroom.

For more information regarding Ignite NOVA, go to http://ignitenova.nvcc.edu/.
Loudoun to Host Russian Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence

NOVA will welcome a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at the Loudoun Campus in Fall 2015. Dr. Maxim Mokeev, from the Stolypin Volga Region Institution of Administration in Saratov, Russian Federation, will teach Political Science (PLS) 295. Mokeev is an expert in Russian public sector policy and will cover topics in Russian government and policy, and pursue scholarly research on the Loudoun Campus. He will be joined by his wife, Ana, and their 4-year-old daughter for a four-month assignment.

Mokeev will also participate in a number of college and community events related to U.S. – Russia relations, international trade and local government. He will also attend various Chamber of Commerce events and legislative sessions in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

Mokeev comes to Loudoun as a result of Loudoun Business Professor Miguel Corrigan’s time spent as a Fulbright Scholar in Russia during spring 2014. As both were colleagues at the Stolypin Volga Institute of Administration, the arriving scholar is a logical extension of the strategic goals put forth by the Fulbright Program, which is to continue to foster cultural literacy, friendship and scholarship within the respective participating communities.

Loudoun to Host Russian Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Founded in 1946 by James William Fulbright, the U.S. State Department Fulbright Program is “an international scholarship with... a goal to increase mutual understanding and support peaceful and friendly ways between people of the United States and people of other countries.” The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program assists U.S. higher education institutions in expanding programs of academic exchange. By supporting non-U.S. scholars through grants for teaching at institutions that might not have a strong international component, both the U.S. institution and the scholar grantee benefit.

To find out more about Mokeev and/or participate in his program, email Corrigan at mcorrigan@nvcc.edu.

NOVASTARTALK Collaboration Continues

NOVA faculty Dr. Shaoyu Chi (CS), Instructional Designer Angela Gunder (CS) and Dr. Laura Franklin (AL) have been collaborating on NOVASTARTALK, a grant-supported hands-on technology workshop for language teachers in less-commonly taught languages. The program, in its eighth year, is part of a National Security Language Initiative program nationwide. At NOVASTARTALK, teachers of Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Korean and other languages learn to make target language technology projects for their classes. The program also features the work of Dr. Mohamed Esa, Arabic professor from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland, who is an expert in instructional technology on a national level.

To see the work of NOVASTARTALK teachers, please see the website.
Agbontaen’s Oil Paintings on Canvas at Schlesinger Center

The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center announces the opening of its new gallery spaces in the Forum and Passageway with an exhibition of oil on canvas paintings by Stanley Osaheni Agbontaen. The exhibit will be showing through Friday, August 28. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, July 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agbontaen grew up in Benin City, Edo State in the South-south zone of Nigeria. He studied at the Creative Art Academy (Benin City) and at the School of Art and Design at Auchi Polytechnic. Using a pallet knife, he creates vibrant scenes with thickly applied oil paint to achieve amazing action packed scenes. His creative artistry is seen in his skillful design and arrangement that bestows the beauty of creation in the hands of a master artisan.

Agbontaen has been featured on Nigeria’s National Television Authority, received the Federal Capital Territory Award, and was nominated by the U.S. State Department to the International Visitor and Leadership Program. He has participated in several solo and group exhibitions. In 2006, he also exhibited his works with paintings of famed artists like Jacob Lawrence and Lois Mailou Jones in an international exhibition held in Nigeria by the U.S. State Department.

In recognition of his work, Agbontaen is listed in the Arts and Artists file in Smithsonian Libraries’ Collections. In 2009, he was featured in the exhibition “Africa Now,” sponsored by the World Bank, Washington, D.C., where World Bank acquired one of his pieces for their permanent collection.

Agbontaen is affiliated with various humanitarian organizations that promote equity and economic development through investments in youth education, intellectual development and empowerment. He is a full-time Maryland-based international artist.

The Forum and Passageway are for open regular business hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and during scheduled performances. Exhibitions in this space will be by invitation as the Center develops a plan that continues to focus on new and emerging professional artists in the Greater Metropolitan Washington area.

NOVA in Focus Premieres in July

The NOVA-TV Center began airing a new program titled “NOVA in Focus” July 1. “NOVA in Focus” is a weekly program that highlights and features the programs, initiatives and activities of the College. Some of the interesting topics featured this season include the Biotechnology Program, SySTEMic Solutions Robot Camp, Open Educational Resources, Dental Assistant Program, Veterinary Technology Program, Zombie Preparedness (if you are ready for zombies you are ready for anything), NOVA students volunteering at the Central Union Mission, Habitat for Humanity and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Stop Hunger Now.
NOVA in Focus will run new episodes on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and repeat on Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Leave Sharing Request

Christina Shanley (CS) has requested to participate in the leave-sharing program. If you would like to donate leave hours, please access a Leave Sharing Program Donor Form online. Please print, complete and submit the form to Human Resources by fax to 703.323.3155. Leave must be donated in eight-hour increments and only annual leave may be donated.

If you need other assistance or have questions about NOVA’s Leave Sharing Program, please contact Chantell Jones at 703.425.5270.

Printing Services Reminder for Faculty and Staff

Printing Services Reminder for Faculty and Staff NOVA Printing Services would like to remind faculty and staff that, whether you need course packs, forms, copies or prints, they are the destination for all classroom and teaching needs. With the Summer session entering the halfway point and the Fall semester approaching, there is no better time to put in your orders than right now. The sooner they receive your requests, the sooner they can get them shipped out to you. Please avoid the last minute delays and hassles.

Printing Services looks forward to hearing from you. Contact them today at:

Website: http://www.nvcc.edu/printing-services/index.html
Email: PrintingServices@nvcc.edu
Phone: 703.323.3292
Fax: 703.323.3221

Get to Know the Enterprise Application Services

Enterprise Application Services (formally known as IT Applications Development) develops and/or supports the following College-wide applications: AccuTrack/AccuSQL, DMPs, Dynamic Forms, Electronic Forms (E-Forms), Emergency Alert System, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) kit, ImageNow, NetSupport DNA, SharePoint, SmarterTrack, Student Dashboard and the Student Sign-in System.

Did you know that Enterprise Application Services creates and manages NOVA’s electronic forms? These forms include:
2015-2016 Clarification of Family Members and Number in College – Dependent/Independent
2015-2016 Marital Status Worksheet – Dependent/Independent
Bookstore Charge Authorization Form
Withdrawal: Never Attended Withdrawal Form NVRK (125-034)
Senior Citizen Enrollment Tuition Waiver (105-088)
Transfer Request (125-089E)
Transfer Credit Evaluation Request (125-049E)
Pathway to the Baccalaureate – Student Contract (125-343)
Account Creation Request (105-045)
Letter of Resignation/Retirement Request (105-021)
Special Assignment Request (105-139)
Police Department Key Request (105-156)

They will also soon release:

“I” Grade Assignment (125-076E)
Academic Overload Request (125-016E)
Course Repeat Request (125-013E)
Military Credit Evaluation Request (125-349E)
Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) Agreement (125-347E)
Visiting/Transient Student Request (125-348E)
Check Request Form (105-111)

Do you have a paper form that your department would like to automate? Send an email to eforms@nvcc.edu to set up a meeting. If you have a question about any of the other applications or hardware listed above, the best way to reach Enterprise Application Services is via email at ithelpdesk@nvcc.edu.

Anthem Launches Free “Pedal to Health” Interactive Guide to Bicycling

Excitement is building in Richmond, Virginia, for the UCI Road World Championships (Worlds) cycling event, which begins September 19. In anticipation of the event, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has developed a new “Pedal to Health” interactive, online guide to bicycling. The online guide is available to COVA Care and COVA HDHP members as part of their health benefits. So ride a bike for exercise and help the environment at the same time!
Announcements

1. Technology Training (T2)
   Summer Workshops – Faculty & Staff
   https://www.nvcc.edu/faculty-and-staff/technology/tac/tactraining/register/
   For more info AskTechTraining@nvcc.edu